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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during June totaled, 1.2 million pounds, 8 percent below both May, and the previous year.

There were 1,200 head of **cattle** slaughtered during June, down 100 head from May, and 300 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 811 pounds, up 34 pounds from the previous month, and 17 pounds above June 2000. Total live weight at 944 thousand pounds was 4 percent below the previous month, and 17 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during June totaled 800 head, down 100 head from May, and 300 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 500 pounds, up 1 pound from June, and 21 pounds above a year ago. Total live weight at 421 thousand pounds was down 3 percent from June, and 19 percent below from last year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during June, totaled 2,000 head, down 200 head from May, and 500 head below June 2000. Average live weight was 219 pounds, up 10 pounds from May, and 22 pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 442 thousand pounds, down 5 percent from May, and 11 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during June was 200 head, unchanged from May, but 100 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 81 pounds, down 13 pounds from the previous month, and 12 pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.76 billion pounds in June, down 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in June 2000.

June 2000 contained 22 weekdays, and 4 Saturdays.
June 2001 contained 21 weekdays, and 5 Saturdays.

Comparing June 2001 with June 2000

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, down 4 percent from June 2000. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,198 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16 million pounds, 16 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77,300 head, down 19 percent from June 2000. The average live weight was 10 pounds above last year, at 332 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.46 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.48 million head, 6 percent below June 2000. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 232,700 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 8 pounds from June a year ago.

January - June red meat production was 22.2 billion pounds, 3 percent lower than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 5 percent below last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was equal to a year ago, and lamb & mutton was down 7 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	May	June		Jan - June		June		Jan - June	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	-----Number, thousand head-----					-----Number, thousand head-----			
Cattle	1.3	1.5	1.2	10.6	8.6	3,236.7	3,120.3	18,202.3	17,533.7
Calves	0.9	1.1	0.8	5.9	4.2	95.3	77.3	558.4	484.4
Hogs	2.2	2.5	2.0	18.3	15.2	7,952.4	7,483.2	48,163.3	47,846.7
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.8	1.4	260.3	232.7	1,787.9	1,602.4
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----					-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			
Cattle	1,032	1,193	994	8,785	7,061	3,901,709	3,738,094	22,059,883	21,090,868
Calves	436	517	421	2,801	2,117	30,683	25,712	181,601	159,698
Hogs	463	495	442	3,864	3,378	2,083,982	1,968,813	12,630,055	12,631,139
Sheep & Lambs	17	25	16	170	135	34,622	32,738	244,350	227,502
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----					-----Average live weight, pounds-----			
Cattle	777	794	811	829	821	1,205	1,198	1,212	1,201
Calves	499	479	500	475	504	322	332	325	330
Hogs	209	197	219	211	222	262	263	262	264
Sheep & Lambs	94	93	81	94	96	133	141	137	142
	-----Million pounds-----					-----Million pounds-----			
Red meat	1.3	1.3	1.2	8.9	8.2	3,942.7	3,758.2	22,892.7	22,244.2

United States Cattle And Calves - July 1, 2001

Class	Louisiana 1/ Jan. 1, 2001	United States		2001 as a % of 2000 Percent
		July 1, 2000	July 1, 2001	
		-----1,000 Head-----		
All Cattle and Calves	860	106,300	105,800	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	530	43,200	43,000	100
Beef Cows	473	33,950	33,850	100
Milk Cows	57	9,250	9,150	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	107	16,500	16,400	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	79	4,700	4,600	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	12	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	16	8,100	8,200	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	14,300	14,600	102
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	170	30,200	29,700	98
Calf Crop 2/	415	38,621	38,400	99

1/Estimates are not published for Louisiana on July 1, 2001. 2/For the current year, the U. S. calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1. For Louisiana, it is calves born in 2000.

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All **cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2001, totaled 106 million head, slightly below the 106 million on July 1, 2000, and 1 percent below the 107.0 million two years ago.

All **cows and heifers** that have calved, at 43.0 million, were slightly below the 43.2 million on July 1, 2000, and 1 percent below the 43.3 million two years ago.

C **Beef cows**, at 33.9 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2000, and 1 percent below two years ago.

C **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2000, but was unchanged from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2001, and the changes from July 1 last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows:

C **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 1 percent from both years.

C **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.6 million, down 2 percent and down 4 percent.

C **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.6 million, down 3 percent from both years.

C **Other heifers**, 8.2 million, up 1 percent from both years.

C **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.6 million, up 2 percent, and up 1 percent.

C **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged and down 5 percent.

C **Calves** under 500 pounds, 29.7 million, down 2 percent and down 3 percent.

C All **cattle and calves** on feed for slaughter, 13.1 million, up 7 percent and up 14 percent.

Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in Louisiana had 22.6 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2001, down 5 percent from the July 1, 2000 total of 23.7 million. Live weight totaled 31.4 million pounds for all foodsize fish, 2 percent above July 1, 2000. The breakout of foodsize fish inventory numbers, on July 1, 2001, with percent changed from the previous year are: large foodsize, 860,000, up 9 percent; medium foodsize, 8.3 million, down 1 percent; and small foodsize, 13.4 million, down 8 percent. Catfish producers had 50,000 broodfish on hand on July 1, 2001, down 22 percent from last year. Live weight totaled 292,000 pounds for broodfish, up 4 percent from July 1, 2000. The number of stockers on hand on July 1, 2001, totaled 34.7 million fish, up 32 percent from the 26.3 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 23.6 million were large stockers, up 41 percent from the previous year. The remaining 11.1 million were small stockers, up 16 percent. Live weight totaled 8.75 million pounds for all stockers, 11 percent above July 1 last year. Producers had 115 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2001, up 15 percent from the 99.5 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2000. Live weight, at 1.42 million pounds, was down 27 percent from the 1.94 million pounds a year ago.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) had 370 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2001, up 29 percent from the July 1, 2000 total of 288 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2001, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 6.17 million, up 54 percent; medium foodsize, 76.1 million, up 46 percent; and small foodsize, 287 million, up 24 percent. The four major states also had 1.28 million broodfish on hand on July 1, 2001, up 1 percent from last year's 1.27 million. The number of large stockers on hand on July 1 2001, totaled 331 million fish, down 14 percent from the 385 million fish on hand a year ago. There were 403 million small stockers, up 7 percent from last year. Producers had 1.82 billion fingerlings and fry on hand on July 1, 2001, up 3 percent from the 1.76 billion on hand July 1, 2000. Live weight, at 22.0 million pounds, was down 10 percent from the 24.5 million pounds a year ago.

Louisiana Catfish Production, July 1, 2001, with Comparisons To United States

Item	Louisiana				United States			
	Total Number		Total Live Weight		Total Number		Total Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----1,000 Fish-----		-----1,000 Pounds-----	
Broodfish	64	50	280	292	1,269	1,280	5,970	5,912
Large Foodsize	790	860	2,520	2,750	4,000	6,170	13,410	20,450
Medium Foodsize	8,350	8,300	14,100	15,700	52,100	76,100	94,400	140,000
Small Foodsize	14,600	13,400	14,100	12,900	231,400	287,300	227,800	285,400
Total Foodsize	23,740	22,560	30,720	31,350	287,500	369,570	335,610	445,850
Large Stockers	16,700	23,600	6,650	7,760	385,300	331,100	156,250	131,360
Small Stockers	9,600	11,100	1,230	990	376,700	403,200	37,380	39,490
Total Stockers	26,300	34,700	7,880	8,750	762,000	734,300	193,360	170,850
Fingerlings/Fry	99,500	114,800	1,940	1,420	1,759,500	1,816,300	24,500	21,980

Prices Received Index Down 1 Percent

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 106 based on 1990-92= 100, down 0.9 percent from the June index. Lower prices for cattle, grapes, celery, and peaches were partially offset by higher prices for soybeans, corn, cantaloupes, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and grain sorghum were more than offset by lower marketings of milk, cantaloupes, strawberries, and potatoes.

Compared with July 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 10 percent higher. Price increases from July 2000 for milk, broilers, wheat, cattle, and corn were partially offset by lower prices for lettuce, sweet corn, turkeys, and barley.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 124 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from June, but 3.3 percent above July 2000. Lower prices in July for nitrogen fertilizers, diesel fuel, gasoline, and insecticides were offset by higher prices paid for feed concentrates, feed supplements, feed grains, hay and forages, and complete feeds.

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Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	July 2000	June 2001	July 2001 1/	July 2000	June 2001	July 2001 1/
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	4.41	4.50	5.22	4.53	4.46	4.92
Rice, per cwt	5.46	5.27	5.90	5.65	5.01	5.01
Upland Cotton, per pound	.449	.470	2/ .504	.488	.404	2/ .387
Hay, all, baled, per ton 1/	N/A	N/A	N/A	80.20	95.80	96.30
Beef Cattle, per cwt	53.60	56.10	55.30	67.50	73.50	70.80
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	84.00	84.30	83.00	70.40	76.80	74.10
Cows, per cwt	38.00	43.50	41.00	39.20	44.70	42.80
Calves, per cwt	102.00	99.10	98.00	106.00	109.00	108.00
Broilers, live, per pound	N/A	N/A	N/A	.350	.410	.420
Eggs, all, per dozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	.564	.558	.551
Milk, all, per cwt 3/	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.60	16.10	16.30

1/Mid-month; 2/Based on sales during the first half of the month; 3/Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. N/A = Not Available

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